

Remarks

In the Final Office Action mailed July 1, 2004:

1. Claims 1, 4, 6, and 16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Rangan, *et al.*, "Feedback Techniques for Continuity and Synchronization in Multimedia Information Retrieval" (Rangan);
2. Claims 2 and 3 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rangan;
3. Claims 8-15 and 17-20 were allowed; and
4. Claims 5 and 7 were objected to, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

I. Selected Claims

A. Claims 1-7 and 16

Claim 1 was amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 5, which was objected to, and intervening claim 4. Claims 4 and 5 were cancelled, and claims 6-7 were amended to depend from claim 1 vice claim 4.

B. New claims 21-26

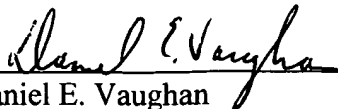
New claim 21 comprises the subject matter of previous claims 1, 4 and 7. New claims 22-25 correspond to previous claims 2, 3, 5 and 6. New claim 26 corresponds to the method of claim 21.

CONCLUSION

No new matter has been added with the preceding amendments. It is submitted that the application is in suitable condition for allowance. Such action is respectfully requested. If prosecution of this application may be facilitated through a telephone interview, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's attorney identified below.

Respectfully submitted,

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